(d) whether any action has been initiated or are on anvil regarding the reported incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala had informed the Ministry that 17 persons had sold their kidneys at the National Hospital and the Baby Memorial Hospital Kozhikode. Four of them were tribals from Idduki District. As per the report of the State Government, the sale of the Kidneys was effected on economic considerations.

(c) to (e) the National Commissions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have informed the Ministry that they are in the process of conducting an investigation into this matter and that their report is yet to be finalized.

Model Residential Schools in Kerala for tribal Students

1210. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accorded sanction for the establishment of Model Residential Schools in Kerala, one at Pookkot in Waynad District and another at Idukki in Idukki district for tribal students;

(b) if so, the present status of this project and the details of the amount released for the purpose; and

(c) the details of the project proposals, which are seeking Central sanction as well as assistance received from Government of Kerala for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 4.20 crores has been released to the Government of Kerala for establishment of these two Eklavya Model Residential Schools. The schools have started functioning in alternate buildings as a temporary measure and the State Government has reported that the construction work for the school buildings is in progress.

(c) In addition, the project of a Model Residential School with CBSE Syllabus at Niraneeli in Trivandrum was sanctioned at an estimated project cost of Rs. 724.41 lakhs during 2001-02 under article 275(1) of the

Constitution and an amount of Rs. 190.95 lakhs, has so far been released to the State. The other proposals seeking assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes have been referred back to the State Government for necessary revision, as there were not as per the norms of the schemes.

Upper castes from ST area taking benefit of reservation

1211. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that persons belonging to upper castes from certain areas declared as Scheduled Tribe area have been taking the benefit of reservation for employment in Government and public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, Government's policy in this regard and whether the same has been reviewed;

(c) if so, the details and the result thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Only members of those, communities, which have been included in the Presidential Orders notifying the list of Scheduled Tribes, are eligible for the issue of Scheduled Tribe certificates and consequential benefits.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Women sold by way of punishment in tribal areas of M.P.

1212. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in tribal areas like in Madhya Pradesh women are sold publicly by way of punishment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to deal with it without deteriment to the sentiments of the tribals?